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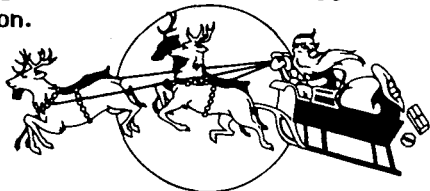
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This is CALPEEK's 45th issue for 1994 --- meaning it's our last newsletter of the year. We'll be off on X-Mas vacation for the next 3 weeks, but will be back at work on Dec. 26, preparing our Jan. 2, 1995 (Vol. XVII, #1) newsletter. So here's wishing all CALPEEK readers a very joyous and happy holiday season.



CALPEEK's 1994 REVIEW: WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT.

Editor's note: We'll end 1994 with another one of your favorite columns --- *Who's Hot & Who's Not*. There's absolutely nothing objective about this column. Thanks to various unnamed sources who helped CALPEEK with this year's list...

- **The Phoenix Award** - Gov. Pete Wilson is hot once again...
- **A Star Who Almost Went Nova** - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D). Will DiFi recover her battered image as a super star???
- **Surprised to be a Star** - GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte...
- **Twinkle Twinkle** - Assembly Speaker Willie Brown(D). Even if he's not Speaker, he's still got star status...
- **Best Potential for Stardom** - Treasurer-elect Matt Fong(R) and Supt. of Public Inst. Delaine Eastin...
- **Class Act of '94** - L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan...
- **Keep Your Eyes On** - Lt. Gov.-elect Gray Davis(D); new Assemblywoman Sheila James Kuehl(D-

L.A.); Assemblyman Richard Katz(D-Panorama City); new chair of the S.F. Co. Bd. of Supes Kevin Shelley...

- **When GOP Stars Collide** - U.S. Reps. Chris Cox & David Dreier and Calif. AG Dan Lungren are all potential U.S. Senate primary rivals in 4 years...
- **Faded From Sight** - Former L.A. Councilman Mike Woo, who should have listened to his friends and stayed out of the 1994 election cycle...
- **Once Bright But Starting to Fade** - LAPD Chief Willie Williams (insiders are beginning to wonder if Williams is up to the job); and State Sen. Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto)...
- **Crash & Burn** - The Democratic Party...
- **Shafted** - U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead(R-Glen-dale), who was passed over for a committee chairmanship. Will the 104th Congress be his last???
- **Biggest Screw Up of 1994** - Kathleen Brown's entire campaign for governor...
- **Beavis & Butt-head Award** - To Pres. Bill Clinton and AG Janet Reno for foot-dragging on adding more guards to Calif.'s border with Mexico, thus making illegal immigration (and 187) the hottest issue in Calif. in 1994...
- **Hot Issues In 1995** - Illegal immigration (it won't go away) and welfare reform...
- **In Hot Water** - U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker(D-Compton) is under indictment for allegedly accepting bribes. His trial starts in February. Will he be spending time with Frank Hill & Pat Nolan???

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● **Moving Up** - U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert(R-Corona), from the back benches of Congress -- to the front seat of his car (w/hooker)...

● **The PMS Quote of the Year** - Before the late absentees were counted, GOP 36th C.D. candidate Susan Brooks of Rancho Palos Verdes was asked by the Daily Breeze how she expected to get along with all those Demo congresswomen in DC. Her response: *we can share tampons, but that doesn't mean we share philosophy*. P.S. Brooks lost...

● **Frankenhelms** - The Demos new GOP poster-boy: U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms(R-NC)...

● **The \$30 Million Empty Suit** - Unsuccessful U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington(R). On CNN's Larry King show, Michael sorta hinted that his Santa Barbara mansion might be up for sale. P.S. DiFi beat Huffington in Santa Barbara County...

● **Future In Doubt** - S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan. Voters in S.F. go to the polls once again in '95...

● **Wishing It Were '92 Again** - Ousted Demo Assemblymembers Julie Bornstein, Betty Karnette, Tom Connolly and Margaret Snyder; and ousted Demo U.S. Reps. Lynn Schenk and Dan Hamburg --- all of them *one-term wonders*...

● **Folks Who Will Be Missed** - Former U.S. Sen. Thomas Kuchel, who died recently at 84 after a long battle with lung cancer; Dr. Steve Sierra(husband of Assemblywoman Jackie Speier); former assembly staffer Chris Hume; former Kern Co. Sup. Karl Hettlinger; former S.F. Co. Sup. Harold Dobbs; political consultants Dick Kazen and George Voigt; and former Pres. Richard M. Nixon. Stay tuned...

L.A. COUNCILMAN HAL BERNSON TO REVIEW 1994.

L.A. Councilman Hal Bernson will address members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Dec. 12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown L.A. Bernson's remarks are titled, "A Look Back at 1994: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly." For info & RSVPs, contact Emma Schafer at (310)445-8862...

CALPEEK TO ADDRESS CALIF. LINCOLN CLUB.

The San Gabriel chpt. of the CA Lincoln Club will get a post election analysis at their 7:30 a.m., Dec. 16 breakfast meeting at the Industry Hills Sheraton. Speakers are CALPEEK's Dick Rosengarten and GOP pollster Steve Kinney. For info & RSVPs, call Natalie Blanning at (818)249-4205...

DEMOS STILL CONTROL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Although the State Board of Equalization(BoE) remains one of those mysterious State bureaucracies which doesn't get much news media attention, this powerful agency which hears tax appeals and sets tax assessments on utilities will remain under Demo control for the next 4 years. Reelected to the BoE were Ernie Dronenburg Jr.(R-San Diego) and Brad Sherman(D-L.A.). New BoE members are Dean Andal(R-Stockton) and Johan Klehs(D-San Leandro), both of whom moved up from the State Assembly, where they were in positions of power & influence. The 5th member of the BoE is Controller-elect Kathleen Connell(D) of L.A. So it's a 3-2 Demo BoE...

...For the past few years there have been attempts to streamline the BoE and consolidate its powers with that of the Franchise Tax Board. The FTB consists of the chair of the BoE, the controller and the State Director of Finance. Klehs got a bill to do just that to Gov. Pete Wilson's desk, but he vetoed it...

...Sources say Wilson would like to consolidate the two agencies and create a Dept. of Revenue. How all of this would be worked out is still up in the air, but there may be some movement in 1995. The key players in this streamlining would be Senate Pres. Bill Lockyer, Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-S.F.), Sen. Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista), Andal & Klehs. Where do Sherman, Dronenburg & Connell fit in? They don't, because they don't have the connections in Legislature that Andal & Klehs have. Does it mean they are being frozen out? No, but they're just not considered key players at this point...

...For a consolidation/reform to work, the parties have to figure out the responsibilities of the BoE members - as part of a new Dept. of Revenue. Any major changes require a constitutional amendment, which needs a 2/3rds legislative vote to get on the ballot. As such, unless Gov. Wilson is willing to deal, this whole reform and creation of the Dept. of Revenue is a dead issue.

AAPC TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN D.C. JAN. 12-14.

The American Assn. of Political Consultants(AAPC) will hold its biennial Pollie Awards Conf. Jan. 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. For info (202)371-9585. FYI: deadline for entering the Pollie Awards is Dec. 16th. The Pollies are awards given to campaign consultants. Awards include Campaign Manager of the Year, Pollster of the Year, and Internat'l Consultant of the Year...

S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: LINING UP FOR NOV. 1995.

Editor's note: Although it's about a month old, the S.F. Chron's poll on the upcoming S.F. Mayor's race shows incumbent Frank Jordan in deep political trouble. Here is an update on the November 1995 race...

...The S.F. Chronicle's survey by pollster Mark Baldassaire was taken Oct. 15-17 among 600 voters. In this poll, only 22% of those surveyed said Jordan was doing a *good or excellent* job. 51% had an unfavorable impression of the former SFPD chief, while 38% had a favorable impression...

...In one-on-one match ups, Jordan loses to former S.F. Mayor Art Agnos, 48% to 33%; loses to State Senator Quentin Kopp, 49% to 26%; loses to S.F. Co. Sup. Carole Migden, 44% to 34%; and slightly trails S.F. Co. Sup. Angela Alioto, 41% to 38%...

...Who are Jordan's possible opponents in November of 1995? Sen. Kopp's name surfaces on most lists, but sources think Kopp runs only if Jordan looks dead in the water. As for Agnos, he's keeping his name alive, but may not have the backing...

...Angela Alioto is running. She's got high positives & negatives, plus some messy personal problems. Then there's S.F. Co. Sup. Kevin Shelley, new chair of the Bd. of Supes. Sources say if he could get past a primary (that's iffy), he could beat Jordan in a runoff. But sources think he's more interested in John Burton's assembly seat in 1996. Ditto with Sup. Migden, who has the inside track for Willie Brown's assembly seat...

...What about Willie? Does he want to be in the State Senate in 1996 or be mayor??? Then there's City Atty. Louise Renne, who has some solid support and her name has recently surfaced as a possible candidate. But the **big name** which is just now beginning to make the

rounds is that of U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi. Her polling numbers are in the *stratosphere* and if she decides that life in the U.S. House under the GOP is not worth it, she might just run. A Pelosi candidacy would knock Migden, Renne and some others out very quickly and sources say she could beat Jordan. Stay tuned...

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CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Crime & Punishment** - Although his Federal trial for bribery won't start until February, there is already some speculation as to who might be in line to succeed U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker III(D-Compton) --- should he be convicted. Tucker says he's innocent. Why the increased speculation? Because ex Compton Councilwoman Patricia Moore has pleaded guilty to extortion & other charges and may have cut a deal with the Feds to testify against Tucker, who served with Moore on the council. This won't be *Pulp Fiction*, as some of the evidence is supposedly on videotape. As for who might be looking toward D.C., the top names to surface are CA Assemblymembers Willard Murray(D-Paramount) and Juanita McDonald(D-Carson)...

- **It Takes 41 Votes to be Speaker** - The big question this past week was whether Republican Assembly Leader Jim Brulte had 41 votes to oust 14-year Speaker Willie Brown. On paper, the GOP has 41 assembly members, compared to 39 for the Demos. But the key to Brulte's success seems to be with only 1 member: Paul Horcher of Diamond Bar, who is absolutely hated within the GOP Caucus. If Horcher should abstain from the vote on Dec. 5 when the Assembly meets again to pick its leadership, Brulte would temporarily be denied the Speakership -- unless he has a Demo stashed away to help him. But if Brown keeps his members in tow, then we'll have to wait until January to decide the Speakership issue. What are the odds that Horcher will abstain from the vote? Sources say better than 60-40...

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● **Demos Need a Rush Limbaugh** - There's little doubt that talk radio on a nationwide basis is dominated by conservatives, such as Limbaugh, Gordon Liddy and Bob Grant. What the Demos need to do, according to sources, is find someone who will bash the GOP and conservatives on a daily basis. Top nominee: outgoing Texas Gov. Ann Richards...

● **A Garamendi Comeback?** - CALPEEK sources say that soon-to-be ex-Insurance Comm. John Garamendi(D) is on Pres. Bill Clinton's *short list* to be Ag Secretary...

● **U.S. Senate Update** - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein now leads Michael Huffington(R) by 160,000 votes, with 15,000 *absentee ballots* from Sonoma Co. (a Demo stronghold) not due in until the last day, Dec. 6. Sources think Difi will then pull ahead by more than 165,000. On CNN's Larry King show, which aired Nov. 28, Huffington said he was **not** throwing in the towel and again implied that he was robbed because of what he said was widespread *voter fraud*. But State and county officials have again said there is just no evidence whatsoever of massive voter fraud...

● **Late Election Results** - U.S. Rep. Jane Harman (D-Palos Verdes) defeated Susan Brooks(R) by 766 votes to hold the 36th C.D. for the Demos...

● **The Marlboro Candidate** - New Assemblyman Steve Kuykendall(R-Rancho Palos Verdes) will certainly make the history books because of Philip Morris' \$125,000 last minute contribution, which allowed Kuykendall's team to pepper the 54th A.D. with mail and blast freshman Demo Assemblywoman Betty Karnette of Long Beach. When late absentees were counted, Kuykendall won by 597 votes. The district itself has a GOP registration edge, but until PM came along, Kuykendall was having a tough time raising money. The contribution itself is now the subject of a complaint with the FPPC because GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte said in an L.A. Times story that he knew about the PM contribution *a full month before the check actually arrived*. If that turns out to be the case, then the law may have been broken. Brulte says the complaint is frivolous. But attorney Lance Olson, hired by the CA Demo Party to handle this complaint, told CALPEEK, "There's more here than just smoke."...

● **Dana Update** - Add another name to those who are planning to run for L.A. County Sup. Deane Dana's job in 1996: 57-year-old Long Beach Councilman Douglas S. Drummond, who is a former LBPD commander. Dana's long time chief deputy Don Knabe is also expected to seek the post. Stay tuned...



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